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Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form for \$450.00 to cover: \$450.00 Extension of Time Fee (2 months) for Large Entity;
- 2. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116;
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- 4. One (1) return postcard.

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Respectfully submitted,

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